RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF THE

SOUTH STONEHAM RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

IN

THE COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE CLERK,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES

For the Year Ended December 31st, 1913,

And of the HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

For the Year ended 31st March, 1914.

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SOUTH STONEHAM
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, 1913

Parish.	Councillors.	Date of Retiring.	Residence.	Area.	Population.
Bitterne ...	Harry Wakeford Small ...	1914	Chapel Street, Bitterne	616	3142
Botley ...	John Luxton	1914	Burgess Land, Botley ...	1987	1012
Bursledon ...	William White	1914	Providence Hill, Bursledon	958	1018
Chilworth ...	George Henry Short ...	1914	The Clump Inn, Chilworth	1540	272
Hamble ...	Albert Edgar Penney ...	1914	Hamble	404	695
Hedge End ...	Joseph Doodey	1914	Omega House, Bursledon Road, Hedge End	1708	1242
Hound ...	Joseph Cudlipp	1915	Old Netley Farm, Bursledon	2750	3478
,, ...	Joseph Wallbridge ...	1915	The Manor, Otterbourne, Hants		
Millbrook ...	Harry James Foot ...	1915	Redbridge	988	1196
North Stoneham	William George Richards	1915	Florence Villa, Alma Road, Bassett	4130	1964
,,	John William Weston ...	1915	Bassett Green Farm ...		
South Stoneham	Rev. J. K. Watkins ...	1916	6, Gascoigne Terrace, Swaythling	1322	1934
West End ...	Thomas Hatley	1916	West End	2984	1871
				19387	17824

CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT COUNCIL—MR. T. HATLEY.

VICE-CHAIRMAN—Mr. W. G. RICHARDS.

Medical Officer of Health—
Mr. ALFRED PERN, Botley, near Southampton.

Inspector of Nuisances and Building Surveyor—
Mr. W. F. WATTS, Bitterne.

Assistant—
MR. W. J. GREEN, Bitterne.

District Road Surveyor—
MR. F. HEATHER, "Chevin Side," Old Portswood.

Clerk—
MR. E. T. WESTLAKE, 20, Portland Street, Southampton.

SOUTH STONEHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of Clerk for the Year ended 31st December, 1913.

ELECTIONS, &c.

BITTERNE: ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR—On the application of the Bitterne Parish Council, the Hants County Council issued an order for a second representative on the District Council for the Parish of Bitterne, making two. The additional member to be elected at the ordinary election of Councillors in April, 1914.

HAMBLE: RESIGNATION OF MR. A. E. PENNEY, J.P.—Mr. A. E. Penney, J.P., resigned from the Council in October after 16 years' service. The resignation was very regrettable, being occasioned by ill-health.

SOUTH STONEHAM: ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR—The District Council have raised no objection to a second District Councillor upon the application of the Parish Council.

The Rev. J. K. Watkins was returned unopposed.

WEST END—Mr. T. Harley was returned unopposed.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Rates in the £ for Special Expenses for Sewerage and Scavenging purposes for the past 10 years have been as follows :—

		Bitterne (Sewerage).		North Stoneham (Sewerage).		South Stoneham (Sewerage).		Hamble (Scavenging).	
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1904	...	1	9	2	7	2	7	—	
1905	...	1	9	2	8	3	0	—	
1906	...	2	0	2	4	2	5	—	
1907	...	1	11	2	7	2	10	—	
1908	...	1	4½	2	5	2	10	—	
1909	...	1	6	2	5	2	7	—	
1910	...	1	4	2	3	2	7	—	
1911	...	1	4	2	1	2	6	—	
1912	...	1	4	2	2	2	5	0 (half-year)	4
1913	...	1	6	2	2	2	4	0	4

Sewerage of Bitterne and Bitterne Manor.

The Drainage of Bitterne Village has been supervised as hitherto by a Committee, consisting of members of the District Council acting in conjunction with members of the Parish Council and Representative Ratepayers.

No special features have arisen, the arrangements working satisfactorily.

Bitterne Manor Sewerage.

The sewers and Outfall Works on the Bitterne Manor Estate have been completed (after delay caused by a strike of the navvies, and weather conditions), and the system is now in working order.

Difficulty was experienced by the Contractor in coping with the enormous quantity of sub-soil water met with in excavating for the sewers.

Houses already connected with the sewers number 75, and 10 connections are in hand. Cess-pools are being cleaned out and filled in

Outfall Works, Rampart Road.

The Local Government Board sanctioned the borrowing by the Council of £1,100, to defray excess expenditure in connection with the Bitterne Manor Estate occasioned by the extra cost of Sea Wall, filter bed, and additions necessitated by increase in population, but there are various savings on the actual cost as compared with the estimates.

SEWERS.—The actual cost of laying the sewers on the Bitterne Manor Estate was £1,962 9s. 10d. £2,027 13s. 3d. has been recovered from Frontagers under their covenants with the National Land Corporation, the benefit of which, as stated in the last Report, has been assigned to the Council. The Engineering Expenses and cost of collection remain to be paid, after the final payment to the Contractor.

Gas is the power used at the Pumping Station, and an engine-driver has been appointed.

A fire box and appliances have been fixed by the Bitterne Parish Council to the boundary wall of the Outfall Works for use in case of fire.

Chessel Estate.

The basis of an Agreement has been arrived at between the District Council, the Itchen Urban District Council, and the Southampton Garden Suburb Promotors to drain about 280 houses if and when erected on the Estate in the Parish of Itchen, into the Council's Sewers, the sewage to be dealt with at the Bitterne Manor Outfall Works at a rate to be fixed, and a Sub-Committee will report on the terms.

The draft Agreement is in hand and also an Agreement between the Southampton Garden Suburbs Ltd. and the London & South-Western Railway Co., to carry the sewer under the line of Railway on the South-Eastern side of the Northam Bridge Road to connect the sewers on the Bitterne Manor Estate.

North and South Stoneham Drainage.

The system has been supervised as hitherto by a Committee consisting of members of the District Council, and members of the North and South Stoneham Parish Councils.

The consumption of coal at the Air Compressing Station, Swaythling, during the past five years has been as follows :—

Quarter Ending	1909 Quantity of Coal.	1909 Cost.	1910 Quantity of Coal.	1910 Cost.	1911 Quantity of Coal.	1911 Cost.	1912 Quantity of Coal.	1912 Cost.	1913 Quantity of Coal.	1913 Cost.
	T. C.	£ s. d.	T. C.	£ s. d.	T. C.	£ s. d.	T. C.	£ s. d.	T. C.	£ s. d.
March ...	83 5	66 12 0	160 15	111 2 6	115 5	86 8 9	162 0	157 3 3	127 5	109 3 3
June ...	60 0	48 0 0	40 0	28 0 0	64 15	48 11 3	52 0	49 0 6	115 0	90 6 9
Sept. ...	60 0	48 0 0	38 10	26 19 0	30 0	22 10 0	67 0	54 16 0	61 0	52 5 6
Dec. ...	121 5	88 17 6	92 15	69 9 9	67 5	52 6 0	148 10	112 17 6	106 0	87 11 0
Totals for each year	324 10	£251 9 6	332 0	£235 11 3	277 5	£209 16 0	429 10	£373 17 3	409 5	339 6 6

Offensive Trades at Millbrook.

Proceedings before the County Justices were taken in April 1913, against Mr. Tom Hobbs for establishing the trades of a Tripe Boiler and Gut Scraper, and carrying on the latter trade without the permission of the Council as required by the Public Health Act, 1875.

The Defendant was convicted and fined £5, £1, and £1, and costs £3 4s. od., £1 8s. od., and £1 8s. od. respectively.

Scavenging at Hamble.

The scavenging of House refuse, etc., at Hamble has been supervised as hitherto by the Hamble Parish Council (to whom the District Council delegated their powers for the purpose), and the arrangement is working satisfactorily.

Revision of Bye-Laws.

This matter is still under consideration by the Council.

On the 7th August, Dr. Carnwath (Medical Inspector) and Mr. Worsley (Architect) inspected the District on behalf of the Local Government Board.

Gipsies at Bitterne Manor.

Bitterne Manor has been less frequently visited by Gipsies this year.

Parish of Botley and Titchfield District Gas.

The Council opposed the Titchfield District Gas Bill in Parliamentary Committee, as the Parish of Botley was proposed to be included in the limits of supply while the Southampton Gas Co. were prepared to give an efficient supply of Gas cheaper and better. Eventually with the help of W. Frank Perkins, Esq., M.P. (to whom a vote of thanks was passed) Botley was deleted from the Bill.

Schultze Co., Ltd., Millbrook.

The Council, after a statutory local enquiry, assented to the Schultze Co. erecting a Magazine for the storage of explosives at Redbridge. Millbrook.

Housing of the Working Classes.

House-to-house inspections are being made by the Medical Officer, Inspector and his Assistant, under the Housing Town Planning etc. Act, 1909, and same are more fully dealt with by the Inspector in his Report printed herewith.

Shelters for Consumptives.

The Council have erected a building on their grounds adjoining the Infectious Hospital for the storage of shelters for consumptives, belonging to the County Council.

Licenses.

Licenses have been granted by the Council as follows :—

Licenses to store	Petroleum	13
,, ,,	Carbide of Calcium ...	6
,,	deal in Game	1

HIGHWAYS.

Expenditure on District Roads (55½ miles) for past three years :—

1911, £3,058. 1912, £2,753. 1913, £2,219.

Road Board Grant, Bassett.

On the recommendation of the County Council the Council have received £70, a grant from the Road Board towards the surface graniting and tarring of Alma Road and Burgess Street, Bassett.

Flooding at the Ford, North End, North Stoneham.

Complaints have been made by the Eastleigh Urban District Council, Hursley Rural District Council and Chandler's Ford Parish Council that the road at the Ford, North End, has been flooded during the year, and the Council renewed their offer made in 1903 to bear a share of the cost of building a bridge if the Eastleigh Urban District Council and the Hursley Rural District Council were prepared to join, as the bridge would be for the benefit of all the Districts, and the property on the North side of the road is rated to the Hursley Rural District Council. The two latter Councils at present decline to join in the proposition.

The Agents for the Owner through whose land the stream below runs, were asked to clear obstructions to help prevent the flooding, which proved effective some years ago.

The County Council Main Roads Committee have taken the matter up and are convening a Conference of Representatives of the County Council, the Chandler's Ford Parish Council, the Eastleigh Urban District Council, the Hursley Rural District Council, and the South Stoneham Rural District Council to consider the question of the provision of a bridge, &c.

Electricity Extensions.

Extensions have been made during the year by Southampton Corporation under Consent Orders :—

CHILWORTH—To "Chilworth Towers," "Chilworth Court," "Chilworth Manor" and "Ingersley."

BITTERNE—Chessel Estate (Southampton Garden Suburb).

Bitterne Parish.

The Bitterne Parish Council have not yet adopted the Lighting and Watching Act, 1835, although it is understood they have asked for terms from the Southampton Gas Co. for Gas, and the Southampton Corporation for Electricity for public and private lighting.

The proposals will be carefully considered in the interest of Ratepayers in Bitterne with due regard to the control of the District Roads.

Improvements.

The following improvements have been carried out during the year :—

BURSLEDON—Direction post (2 arms) erected at the corner of "Windhover."

HOUND—Grange Lane (Junction with Portsmouth Road), widened 3 feet for about 50 yards.

MILLBROOK—Wimpson Lane widened by filling up ditch.

NORTH STONEHAM—Dangerous corner opposite N.W. corner of Swaythling Park rounded off and ventilating shaft set back. Mr. J. E. A. Willis Fleming kindly gave the land in order that the improvement could be effected.

Footpath in Burgess Street made up for about 50 yards.

Rail over footbridge at North End renewed.

Culvert at North End (Woodside) replaced with concrete tubes.

Culvert at North End reconstructed (Eastleigh Urban District Council bore half the cost).

South Stoneham—Ditch in Woodmill Lane (opposite Manor Farm Road) piped and filled in by Lord Swaythling in making an entrance to his residence.

West End—Culvert at Lake renewed (the Winchester Rural District Council bore half the expense).

E. T. WESTLAKE,

Clerk to the Council.

6th January, 1914.

ABSTRACT OF

YEAR ENDING 30th

Receipts.

	March.			September.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From Overseers, General Expenses	972	0	0	1346	0	0			
,, ,, Special Expenses	1550	0	0	1555	0	0			
Grant under Agricutural Rates Act, 1896 ...	60	10	2	60	10	2			
From County Council in respect of Maintenance or Repair of Main Roads	551	2	3						
Ditto—for Tarring				70	0	0			
As Contribution in respect of Salaries of Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances ...	186	10	0						
Ditto—Half-year's Contribution for taking Sewage of Police Station	2	4	2	2	10	0			
Interest on Deposit Account (Disused Gravel Pit) ...	1	18	8	1	3	3			
Dividend on Sinking Fund		15	0	1	10	0			
Penalties and Fines		8	6	8	5	6			
Fees, including Fees for Licences									
L. & S. W. Railway Co., Maintenance of Roads over Railway Bridges	12	6	0	12	5	0			
South Stoneham Parish Council, half-year's rent of Burial Ground approach	7	10	0	7	10	0			
Sewage Lands	4	13	8	11	13	8			
Hire of Steam Roller	46	16	0						
Sewer Connection	1	4	3	2	11	5			
Other Credits	3	16	2	5	12	0			
Moiety of Penalties	3	13	6						
	3405	8	4	3084	11	0			
Balance brought forward	1240	2	0½	1283	8	1			
	4645	10	4½	4367	19	1	9013	9	5½
							£9013	9	5½

Mileage of Main Roads ... ... 19½ miles.
District Roads ... ... 55½ miles.

ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1913.

Payments.

	March. £	s.	d.	September. £	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
HIGHWAYS.									
Maintenance and Repair of District Roads, 1913 ...	1905	16	2	1313	2	7			
Salaries and Remuneration	90	0	0	92	10	0			
Establishment Charges	21	5	2½	43	0	10			
Tax on Interest on Deposit Account		2	9						
	2017	4	1½	1448	13	5			
PUBLIC HEALTH.									
Sewerage Works	735	7	11	522	17	1			
Expenses in connection with Hospital	24	4	3	140	9	0			
Disinfectants	7	1	1						
Fire Appliances	3	7	10	31	14	3			
House Scavenging Expenses	34	1	11	33	6	2			
Under Infectious Diseases Acts	10	19	6	1	17	2			
Lists of Births and Deaths	1	2	9	1	0	0			
Repayment of Loans and Interests	1095	16	10	1170	11	4			
Salaries or other Remuneration of Officers ...	345	7	1	347	12	6			
Establishment Charges	71	6	11	102	5	7½			
Itchen U.D. Council, Disposal of Sewage at Bitterne				100	0	0			
Election Expenses				6	19	6			
Legal Expenses				12	0	9			
	4346	0	2½	3919	6	9½	8265	7	0
Balance on 31st March				299	10	2			
Do. 30th September				448	12	3½	748	2	5½
							£9013	9	5½

PARISH OF NORTH STONEHAM.

	March. £ s. d.	September. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
Instalment of Loan and Interest	542 8 0	542 8 0	
Proportion of Sewerage, Expenses, &c.	287 13 4	181 2 11	
	830 1 4	723 10 11	1553 12 3
			£1553 12 3

PARISH OF SOUTH STONEHAM.

Instalment of Loan and Interest	316 14 0	316 14 0	
Proporton of Sewerage Expenses, &c.	153 4 2	85 7 6	
	469 18 2	402 1 6	871 19 8
Balance			2 19 4
			£874 19 0

PARISH OF BITTERNE.

Itchen Urban District Council Contribution in respect of Disposal of Sewage		100 0 0	
South Hants Water Co., for Supply of Water ...	17 9 3	29 12 0	
Witt Brothers, for Cleansing Sewers, etc. ...	22 2 5	11 17 11	
Repairs and Establishment Charges	40 15 8	53 14 6	
Instalment of Loan and Interest	236 14 10	311 9 4	
Proportion of Sewerage Expenses		147 7 2	
	317 2 2	654 0 11	971 3 1
			£971 3 1

PARISH OF HAMBLE

House Scavenging Expenses	34 1 11	33 6 2	67 8 1
Balance			16 16 9
			£84 4 10

SPECIAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

	March. £ s. d.	September. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance brought forward, 30th September, 1912 ...			51 19 7
Contributions by Overseers	755 0 0	710 0 0	1465 0 0
Balance			36 12 8
			£1553 12 3

SPECIAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

Balance brought forward, 30th September, 1912 ...			24 19 0
Contributions by Overseers	450 0 0	400 0 0	850 0 0
			£874 19 0

SPECIAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

Balance brought forward, 30th September, 1912 ...			48 2 4
Contributions by Overseers	315 0 0	410 0 0	725 0 0
Balance			198 0 9
			£971 3 1

SPECIAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

Balance brought forward	... 19 4 10
Contributions by Overseers	... 65 0 0
	£84 4 10

OFFICIALS.

Name.	Office.	Date of Original Appointment.	Salary per Annum.	Amount repaid by County Council.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. E. T. Westlake	Clerk to the Rural District Council	20th Apl., 1897	175 0 0	
Do. ...	Clerk to Highways Committee	20th Apl., 1897	75 0 0	
Dr. A. Pern ...	Medical Officer of Health	17th Aug., 1880	175 0 0	87 10 0
Mr. W. F. Watts ...	Inspector of Nuisances, etc.	6th Dec., 1881	198 0 0	99 0 0
Do.	Building Surveyor ...	8th Sept., 1896	50 0 0	
Mr. W. J. Green ...	Assistant Inspector & Building Surveyor	31st Oct., 1910	95 0 0	
Mr. F. Heather ...	District Surveyor of Highways	20th Feb., 1912	105 0 0	
Mr. G. Dominy ...	Treasurer (Highways) C. & C. Bank	7th Sept., 1882	Nil.	
Mr. R. S. Hankinson	Treasurer (Public Health) Lloyds Bank	28th May, 1901	Nil.	

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1913.

BOTLEY.

GENTLEMEN,

In writing my Report I am endeavouring to conform to the wishes of the Medical Officers of the Local Government Board and of the Hampshire County Council.

PHYSICAL FEATURES.

The District is made up of hilly country, the soils varying, principally gravel, clay, and loam, the levels extending from sea-level to a fairly high elevation ; a large proportion is rural, but parts of Bitterne and North and South Stoneham are of an urban character.

OCCUPATIONS.

In the rural parts the population is engaged in agriculture and market gardening ; the more urban parts are inhabited by artisans and members of ship's crews, etc.

There has been no alteration in the area, but a slight increase in population during the year.

HOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

The accommodation for the working classes is adequate, and for the most part fit for habitation ; there is sufficiency of open space about the houses, and the surroundings are cleanly. There are very few wooden buildings.

There is no recognised area occupied by Gipsies or Van dwellers.

The migratory population is small.

There are a few strawberry pickers.

These have no difficulty in finding lodgings in the locality.

CANAL BOATS. None.

SUPERVISION OVER ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES.

This is very extensive under Model Bye-Laws Public Health Act, 1875., Sec. 157 ; Public Health Amendment Act, 1890, Sec. 23. full Urban Powers ; and Public Health Water Act, 1878.

There were 81 new houses erected in the District, of these 63 were supplied by South Hants, and 18 by wells.

CLOSET AND ASHPIT ACCOMMODATION.

Plans are deposited for approval by the District Council; strict supervision by the building Surveyor during erection.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT, THAT IS HOUSING TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1909

Notices served in 1913 for 114 houses, including Closing Orders for houses, 4 unfit for habitation, with the result that some of these houses were repaired and made habitable, whilst the work is being carried out in others. (See Inspector's Report, Table VI., Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909).

WATER SUPPLY.

A large part of the district is supplied by the South Hants Water Company. Hedge End, Botley, Bitterne, part of Bursledon, Chilworth, Hamble, Hound, Millbrook, North and South Stoneham, and West End have the mains laid on. Where not available, the supply is from wells.

These are supervised and in the case of a new house, an analysis is made; this is done in any doubtful case

During the year I have analysed 15 samples of water, of these 1 is unfit and has been dealt with. (See Table IV., Inspector's Report re Water Samples.)

MILK SUPPLY.

Regulations as to Cowsheds and Dairies Act—Bye-Laws adopted under Dairies Order, 1885. Water Supply to Dairy Farms, fairly good. Cleanliness, ventilation and condition of Cowsheds, good generally. Cubic space good, in some up to 2,000 cubic feet per cow. The cows are mostly fed on grass, roots, cake, etc., not stalled but turned out to feed. Grains are used occasionally, the storage of which is supervised.

The character and quality of the milk produced within the District are good.

FOOD INSPECTION, &c.

No action has been taken this year in respect of diseased meat.

The Slaughter Houses have been inspected.

The Bakehouses have been inspected, also Cowsheds, Dairies and Milk Shops.

DRAINAGE, SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

There are two systems of drainage. Bitterne drains into Woolston area, which has the Septic Tank System.

Another system is being carried out for the lower part of Bitterne, this is well on toward completion. In the North and South Stoneham system the sewage is ejected by compressed air to the compressing station at Mansbridge. System filtering tanks and beds to sludge beds, downward filteration and effluent into River Itchen.

POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND STREAMS.

None.

EXCREMENT AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Where a system, houses drain into sewers; during the year 96 houses connected with the public sewers.

In other cases the earth system is largely adopted.

REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE.

The Parish Council of Hamble have undertaken the scavenging of the village. In other Parishes house refuse, ashes, etc., are used on the land.

The Council does not carry out scavenging.

SCHOOLS.

Botley, Bitterne, Bursledon, Netley, Hound, Hamble, Hedge End, Millbrook, Wimpson, North Stoneham, South Stoneham, West End, Chilworth, and Baddesley.

Sanitary condition, good.

Water Supply, good.

Visits made, and children excluded with infectious disease, also all members of family. Took joint action with Dr. Lyster relating to the closing of schools on account of measles, &c.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

One hundred and twenty-seven cases notified. These are treated at home if possible; if more desirable, they are removed to the Infectious Hospital, which contains 24 beds; this has proved enough, and is efficient.

Disinfection is carried out by the Inspector in every case with sulphur or formalin.

ZYMOTIC DISEASE PREVENTION.

JANUARY.

Erysipelas.—One case at West End.
Scarlet.—One case at Swaythling.
Diphtheria.—Three cases at Netley. One at West End.
Tuberculosis.—One case at Netley.

FEBRUARY.

Erysipelas.—One case at Millbrook. One at Bitterne. One at Butlocks.
Scarlet.—One at Botley. One at Bitterne.
Diphtheria.—Eight cases at West End.
Tuberculosis.—One case at Hampton Park. Three at Bitterne. Four at West End. Two at Botley. Two at Netley. One at Bursledon. One at Butlocks Heath.

MARCH.

Diphtheria.—One case at Bitterne.
Scarlet.—One case at Bitterne. One at Swaythling.
Tuberculosis.—Two cases at Millbrook. Three at Netley. Nine at Bitterne. Two at Swaythling. One at Hedge End.

APRIL.

Scarlet.—Two cases at Bassett.

MAY.

Erysipelas.—One case at Netley.
Scarlet.—One case at Bitterne.
Diphtheria.—One case at Netley.
Tuberculosis.—One case at Swaythling.

JUNE.

Scarlet.—One case at Bitterne.
Tuberculosis.—Two cases at Netley. Two at Swaythling. One at Millbrook. Two at Bitterne.

JULY.

Scarlet.—One case at Bitterne.
Tuberculosis.—One case at Bitterne. One at Swaythling. One at Hedge End. One at Bursledon.

AUGUST.

Diphtheria.—Four cases at Chilworth. Two at Bitterne.
Scarlet.—One case at Netley.
Tuberculosis.—Two cases at Bitterne.

SEPTEMBER.

Scarlet.—One case at Chilworth.
Diphtheria.—Two cases at Chilworth. Two at Bitterne.
Tuberculosis.—One case at Swaythling. One at Bassett. One at West End. Three at Netley.

OCTOBER.

Diphtheria.—One case at Swaythling.
Tuberculosis.—One case at Swaythling. One at Bitterne.

NOVEMBER.

Erysipelas.—One case at Netley. One at West End.
Diphtheria.—Ten cases at Bitterne.
Tuberculosis.—Four cases at Bitterne. One at West End. One at Bassett.

DECEMBER.

Scarlet.—One case at Netley.
Diphtheria.—Four cases at Bitterne. Four at West End. One at Bassett.
Tuberculosis.—One case at Hedge End. One at Swaythling. One at Bitterne.

ZYMOTIC DISEASE DURING THE YEAR.

Measles.—Epidemic. Two fatal cases.
Whooping Cough.—Epidemic. Two fatal cases.
Diphtheria.—Forty-four cases. Nine fatal.
Scarlet.—Thirteen cases. No fatal case.
Erysipelas.—Seven cases. No fatal case.
Tuberculosis.—Sixty-three cases. Twenty fatal.

I enclose the Inspector's Report of the work carried out by him with his usual efficiency.

I also enclose the tables filled up shewing a death-rate of 10 per 1,000, and a birth rate of 23 per 1,000.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ALFRED PERN, F.R.C.S., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Rural District Council,
South Stoneham.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK.

Premises.	Number of Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories	30	Nil.	Nil.
Workshops	160		
Workplaces	30		
Total ...	220		

Registered Workshops.

Workshops on the Register at the end of the year 39

TABLE I.

	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Population estimated to middle of each year	17200	17400	—	17824	17900	18000
Births—						
Uncorrected number	—	—	—	—	—	422
Number	397	408	464	410	369	417
Rate	23.0	23.4	25.0	23.0	20.0	23
Total Deaths Registered in the District—						
Number	242	236	196	234	207	221
Rate	14.0	13.5	10.8	13.0	11.0	12.1
TransferableDeathsof Non-Residents Registered in the District ...	69	18	34	24	34	17
Transferable Deaths of Residents not Registered in the District ...	—	—	—	—	27	21
Nett Deaths belongingto the District—						
Under 1 Year of age	32	38	33	44	13	30
Rate per 1,000 Nett Births ...	80	93	71	107	35	71
At all Ages	175	190	162	210	200	217
Rate	10.1	10.9	9.0	11.7	10.1	12.05

	Census 1911.
Total Population at All Ages	17824
Number of Inhabited Houses	3600
Average Number of Persons per House ...	6
Area of District in acres (land and inland water)	19922

TABLE II.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1913.

Notifiable Disease.	Number of Cases Notified.								Total Cases Notified in each Locality.			Total Cases removed to Hospital.
	At all Ages.	Under 1	1 to 5.	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and upwards.	1 Mr. Chandler.	2 Mr. Young.	3 Mr. Miller.	
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	44	—	15	19	2	4	3	1	23	7	14	16
Erysipelas	7	—	—	—	—	3	3	1	5	1	1	—
Scarlet Fever	13	—	2	6	3	2	—	—	7	3	3	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	61	—	1	14	20	23	3	—	33	5	23	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Totals	127	—	18	39	27	32	9	2	69	16	42	16

Isolation Hospital at West End.

TABLE III.

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1913.

Causes of Death.	Deaths in Whole District at subjoined ages.									Deaths in Public Institutions.
	All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	
All Causes—Certified	217	28	6	2	6	12	31	47	83	74
Do. Uncertified	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and Croup	9	1	2	—	3	—	2	1	—	6
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	18	—	—	1	—	6	5	5	1	8
Other Tuberculous Diseases	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Cancer, malignant Disease	21	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	12	11
Meningitis	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Organic Heart Disease	27	1	—	—	—	1	4	10	11	8
Bronchitis	23	4	1	—	—	—	—	4	14	8
Pneumonia (all forms)	10	3	—	1	2	—	2	2	—	1
Other diseases of respiratory organs	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Diarrhœa and Enteritis	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	12	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	5	4
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	6	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	2	1
Other Defined Diseases	69	9	1	—	1	2	11	10	35	22
Totals	217	30	6	2	6	12	31	47	83	74

TABLE IV.

INFANT MORTALITY during the Year 1913.

NETT DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES AT VARIOUS AGES UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

Causes of Death.	Under 1 week.	1–2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
All Causes—Certified ...	9	3	1	2	15	3	4	4	4	30
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Diphtheria and Croup	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Meningitis (not Tuberculous) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Convulsions	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	4
Pneumonia (all forms)	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	3
Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Rickets	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Atelectasis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Premature birth	4	1	—	1	6	1	—	—	—	7
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus...	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Other Causes	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	4
Totals	9	3	1	2	15	3	4	4	4	30

Nett Births in the Year—Legitimate, 401 ; Illegitimate, 16.
Nett Deaths in the year—Legitimate infants, 29 ; Illegitimate infants, 1.

TABLE V.

Summary of SANITARY WORK done in the Inspector of Nuisances Department during the Year 1913.

	Number of		Abatement Notices		Nuisances Abated after Notices by		Nuisance Remaining Unabated.
	Inspections and Observations made	Defects found.	Informal by Inspector	Formal by Authority.	Inspector	Authority	
Dwelling Houses and Schools—							
Foul Conditions							
Structural Defects	—	—	—	110	—	45	65*
Unfit for Habitation	—	—	—	4	—	—	4 houses void
Dairies and Milkshops	105						
Cowsheds	195						
Bakehouses	44	All have been periodically limewashed.					
Slaughter-houses	26						
Ashpits, Privies, and Earth Closets	—	—	32	109	32	109	—
Deposits of Refuse and Manure	—	—	188	73	188	73	—
Water Closets	—	—	18	82	18	82	—
House Drainage—							
Defective Traps							
No Disconnection	—	—	31	285	31	285	—
Other Faults							
Water Supply (Water Notices, P.H. Water Act, 1878)	—	—	2	—	2	—	—
Pigsties							
Animals improperly kept	—	—	21	18	21	18	—
Offensive Trades	18	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Nuisances	—	—	21	213	21	213	—
Totals	388	—	313	894	313	825	69

*63 left over from 1912.

Complaints received 44
Samples of Water taken for Analysis 15
Samples of Water Condemned as Unfit for Use ... 1

Precautions against Infectious Disease—
Lots of Infected Bedding fumigated at Houses 53
Houses Disinfected after Infectious Disease ... 53

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT.

INSPECTION OF HOUSES.

Number of new houses built in 1913, 81.

General Character—About two-thirds Artizans' and Workmen's Dwellings.

Town Planning Scheme contemplated—In conference with Borough of Southampton, Eastleigh and Itchen Urban District Councils.

Inspecting Officer—William F. Watts.

Records submitted to L.A. monthly.

Houses Inspected	114

SECTION 17.	
Dwelling-houses found unfit for human habitation	4
Representations made	4
Closing Orders made	4
Houses demolished (by owners)	3
SECTION 15.	
Defects reported	37
Defects remedied	45
Notices served	23

SOUTH STONEHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

BITTERNE, near SOUTHAMPTON,

FEBRUARY, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,

As Inspector of Nuisances, Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops, and Inspector under the Petroleum Acts, etc., I beg herewith to hand you my Reports for the year 1913.

TABLE I. is a tabulated statement of nuisances abated in compliance with my notices, particulars of which have, from time to time, been placed before the District Council.

TABLE II. is an account of my visits to the Slaughter Houses, Bakehouses, Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops, Bone and Fat-Boiling Works, and Petroleum and Carbide Stores, etc.

TABLE III. gives particulars of newly-erected houses and other buildings in the District, inspected for the purpose of seeing that the requirements of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Public Health (Water) Act, 1878, are complied with, having regard to water supply; ashpit and closet accommodation ; together with the Building Bye-Laws of this District, due regard being given to enforce the requirements as to materials, mode of construction and ventilation of buildings generally, also as to drains and cess-pools, paving of yards, and many other sanitary requirements.

TABLE IV. is an account of samples of water collected and submitted to the Medical Officer of Health for analysis, with the results of same. Some of the samples were taken in consequence of inspection under the Housing, Town-Planning, &c. Act, 1909.

TABLE V. gives particulars of infectious and other diseases which I have visited, with other information relating thereto, as to fumigation, supplying disinfectants, etc. Much time has had to be devoted to this work during the year, as to fumigating of rooms, bedding, clothing, etc.

Notices under Sec. 5, "Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890," have not been served on the occupiers to carry out fumigation, but it has been done by my Department.

TABLE VI. "Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and Housing, Town-Planning, &c. Act, 1909," give particulars of Houses inspected, Closing Orders made, other Notices served, and number of Houses in respect to which works have been carried out during the year.

TABLE VII. is the Summary of Prosecutions, Justices' Orders, Fines, &c.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS ORDER, 1885.

Eighty-five persons are registered under this order.

PETROLEUM ACTS.

Thirteen persons are registered for Petroleum ; 6 persons for Carbide of Calcium.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM F. WATTS, ASSOC. ROYAL SAN. INST.,
Inspector of Nuisances, Dairies, &c.

To the South Stoneham Rural District Council.

TABLE I.

NUISANCES ABATED DURING THE YEAR 1913.

Defective drains repaired	31
Defective drains abolished	46
Defective Water Closets (including cisterns, &c.) repaired	37
Want of efficient drains, and new drains constructed (including application to connect with sewers) ...	96
Drains provided, connected with new cesspools, &c. ...	26
Drains ventilated (old houses)	62
Foul drains cleansed	55
Foul privies and earth closets cleansed	56
Dwelling houses repaired, papered and limewashed, and damp-proof courses and air-bricks provided, including roofs repaired	45
Foul cesspools cleansed	47
Dwelling houses cleansed and disinfected	53
Privies abolished and new water closets provided ...	7
Privies abolished and earth closets provided	16
Privies repaired	2
Foul ashpits cleansed	44
Foul yards and nuisances from pig styes, stables, and manure pits, abated	39
Foul ditches, watercourses and ponds cleaned	13
Earth closets abolished and water closets provided ...	38
Earth closets repaired	6
Slaughterhouses limewashed	4
Bakehouses limewashed	27
Foul water closets cleansed	18
Cesspools abolished	40
Ashpit accommodation (gal. iron dust bins) provided ...	33
Accumulation of manure, sewage, vegetable matter, house refuse, &c., removed	261
Yards paved and repaired	118
Total	1220

N.B.—Drains tested by water during the year, including newly-constructed drains with sewers and cesspools 605

TABLE II.

	Inspections.
Bakehouses, laundries, slaughterhouses, fat and bone-boiling works, cowsheds, dairies and milkshops, petroleum and carbide of calcium stores, factories, and workshops	481

TABLE III.

New houses erected in the District, inspected as to water supply, ashpit and closet accommodation, and surveyed generally as to the construction of houses, in accordance with the Building Bye-laws and Regulations in the District	81	
Water supply, South Hants water, houses		63
Water supply, well water, houses		18
Total		81
N.B.—Other buildings erected, including Alterations and and Additions to houses and premises		21

TABLE IV.

Water samples submitted by the Inspector of Nuisances to the Medical Officer of Health for analysis, including for new buildings erected	15	
Result—Samples certified good		14
,, ,, unfit for drinking purposes		1
Total		15

Of the 15 samples submitted for analysis :—

8 samples were in respect to wells of 15 newly-erected houses.

6 samples were in respect to wells under house inspection Housing, Town-Planning, &c. Act, for 10 houses.

Notices served under the Public Health (Water) Act, 1878, to supply wholesome water, resulted in two houses being connected with the South Hants water supply, and the wells abolished.

1 new well provided in consequence of old well water being condemned.

4 Well curbs, covers and windlasses provided.

N.B.—Some houses within the drainage areas have been supplied with South Hants water in consequence of being connected with the Sewers during 1913.

TABLE V.

Infectious and other diseases visited by Inspector of Nuisances :—	
Scarlet Fever	18
Diphtheria	26
Typhoid Fever	1
Phthisis	12
Erysipelas	1
Cancer	1
Total	59
Fumigating, supplying disinfectants, &c. (visits)	233
Houses and rooms fumigated by Inspector of Nuisances ...	53

TABLE VI.

" Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and the Housing Town-Planning, &c. Act, 1909 " :—	
Houses inspected during the year	114
Houses on which Closing Orders were made during year 1913	4
Houses on which Notices of making of Closing Orders were made during the year 1913	4
Houses in respect to which Notices were served to render fit for human habitation	23
Houses rendered fit for human habitation, in consequence of Notices served to do certain works and repairs to render fit for habitation	45
Houses demolished by owners	3

N.B.—Works are in hand at many houses, so as to comply with Notices served during the year, and much time has been spent in the supervision of the works done, apart from the inspection and the preparation of Records and Reports, also service of Notices, in this District with such an extensive and important area. The houses in various Parishes, which have been reported upon, are miles apart.

House-to-house inspection of the Parish of Millbrook is in hand, about 81 houses having been inspected.

TABLE VII.

PROSECUTIONS.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875. OFFENCES UNDER SECTION 112.

		£	s.	d.
Establishing of Tripe-Boiling Trade.	Fines and Costs	8	4	0
do. of Gut-Scraping Trade.	do.	2	8	0
For carrying on Trade of Gut-Scraping	do	2	8	0
		£13	0	0

WILLIAM F. WATTS, ASSOC. ROYAL SAN. INST.,
Inspector of Nuisances, &c., and Building Surveyor.

SOUTH STONEHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

F. Heather,
M. Inst. M. & Cy. E.,
District Surveyor.

Surveyor's office,
"Chevin Side,"
Old Portswood,
Southampton.

April, 1914.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH STONEHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my second Annual Report for the year ended March 31st, 1914.

General Maintenance During the Past Year.

The number of days upon which rain fell during the summer was about an average, and while no prolonged spell of fine weather was experienced the rain was not abnormal. This was followed by a comparatively dry winter, although considerable rain fell in March, trying the roads severely. One slight fall of snow only was experienced at the latter end of December, but this heralded in severe frosts, which continued for practically the whole of the month of January. On the whole the roads withstood this very well, although there were isolated cases where the thaw showed up weak spots in the roads.

The motor traffic on the roads continues to increase, not only in numbers, but in weight. Those portions, however, which have been surfaced with granite and tarred are standing this exceedingly well, but in parts where the roads are made up with gravel—as recently as six months ago—wear is already apparent. This shows that gravel on these roads is useless, and in the end infinitely more costly than granite. I would not advocate,

however, that the whole of the roads be so surfaced at present as the conditions of traffic do not necessitate it. I do advise though that the use of granite be continued and extended, as there are still several roads subjected to traffic far too heavy for a gravel surface.

Surface tarring has been carried out on 55,000 square yards of road, and the benefit of this is apparent, not only in prolonging the life of the road and so reducing its cost, but in reducing the dust in the summer and mud in the winter ; giving also a smoother surface for traction and walking ; and the surface dries much quicker when so treated than on the untreated roads. In addition to the ordinary refined tar, Fluxphalte—a Mexican Lake Asphalte composition—was used in Pleasure House Road, North Stoneham, and this has given excellent results.

Glutrin—a gravel binder—was experimented with at Botley, but the quantity allowed me was not sufficient to surface with so strong a solution as was required. On the whole, however, it proved successful, and for some considerable time the portion treated was quite dustless.

Rolling has been continuous throughout the year, with the exception of 10 weeks in the summer for repairs, etc., and for two weeks in January owing to the frost.

Two thousand four hundred and twenty tons of granite and flint have been purchased and remained in store through the year, of which 1,934 tons have been consolidated, leaving a balance of 486 tons to be carried forward in stock for the ensuing twelve months.

Five thousand and seven cubic yards of gravel have been dug and purchased, 2,328 yards remaining in store from last year, of which 4,682 yards have been used and 2,653 yards remain in store for next year.

STEAM ROLLING.

The steam roller was engaged in consolidating material for 242 days, which time compares with 284½ days it was in use last year. The difference is accounted for by the fact that more extensive repairs were necessary this year to the engine and plant, and to the severe frosts experienced in January. I deemed it advisable to have the engine repainted, it not having been touched since it was purchased in 1906.

A new tank for the water cart was purchased and fitted.

IMPROVEMENTS.

(1) CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH, BURGESS STREET.

The roadside waste was made up and a footpath constructed for a length of about 50 yards, effecting a great improvement and adding considerably to the appearance of the road. No preliminary estimate.

(2) TARRING FOOTPATHS AT NETLEY.

The footpaths in Station and Victoria Roads, Netley, were tarred, making them much better to walk on and also keeping them neater and cleaner. The estimated cost for this was £18, the actual cost being £17 8s. 1d.

(3) CULVERT AT NORTH END.

The culvert at the junction of North End Road and Stoneham Lane—a double circular brick construction—was broken in, and was continually becoming stopped up, causing flooding on the roads above. It was decided to replace this with a reinforced concrete single waterway at a cost of £69 8s. 4d., which was shared equally with the Eastleigh Urban District Council.

(4) WIDENING GRANGE LANE.

Grange Lane at its junction with the Portsmouth Road for a distance of 50 yards from 12 feet—its present width—to 15 feet. The estimated cost of this was £4, the actual cost being £4 5s. 0d.

(5) WIDENING GRANGE LANE.

This road was widened at its lower end and a footpath constructed by setting back the frontages of two strips of undeveloped land, enhancing the appearance as well as the utility of the road. The cost of this was estimated to be £5 its actual cost being £5 8s. 6d.

(6) RECONSTRUCTION OF LAKE CULVERT, ALLINGTON LANE.

This culvert was reconstructed, the old one becoming defective and unsafe for traffic. The new one was widened to 21 feet. The whole cost was £68 8s. 0d., which was borne equally between this and the Winchester Rural District Counci .

(7) Piping and Filling in Ditch in Wimpson Lane, Millbrook.

By filling in this ditch the roadway was widened at its narrowest and most heavily trafficked part. A great improvement was thereby effected at a cost of £5 10s. 3d., as compared with the estimated cost of £7.

(8) Storm Water Drain, Chapel Street, Bitterne.

A short length of storm water drain was laid in Chapel Street, Bitterne, at a cost of £2 15s. 0d.

(9) Culvert, Allington Lane, West End.

This culvert was repaired and strengthened at a cost of £19 15s. 0d., and should now last for some time.

(10) Clearing Sight, Keepers Bottom, Hound.

The sight round the bend at the above spot was cleared by lowering the bank and cutting back the trees and hedge, and so giving a clear view round the bend. The estimated cost of this was £3, its actual cost being £2 7s. 11d.

(11) Widening of Snakemoor Road, Botley.

Two improvements were carried out in this road by cutting back the banks and filling in the ditches on either side of the road, and so adding considerable width to the road and giving a clear sight down the road. Great help in land, labour and materials was given by the various residents in the neighbourhood, and the cost to you for manual labour was only £3 18s. 3d., the estimated cost being £5.

(12) Widening of Bubb Lane, West End.

This road was widened by setting back the bank and filling in the ditch, increasing its width from 12 feet to 21 feet. Very great help was again given by the residents in land, labour and materials, and the whole cost to you was £4 16s. 3d., instead of £7, as estimated, owing to the team labour being given free of cost to you.

(13) Retaining Wall and Strengthening of Culvert at Lowford, Bursledon.

The retaining wall and fencing at the above culvert were replaced with concrete and iron, while the culvert was strengthened with a layer of concrete. The cost of this work was £13 10s. 0d.

Improvements to be Carried Out.

Those corners at the junction of Burnett's Lane with Bubb Lane, West End.

Trees and Hedges.

One hundred and seven notices for the lopping and cutting of trees and hedges have been issued this year. Not nearly so many were required to be sent this year, as the work was carried out thoroughly the previous season. This year again the notices have been well complied with, to the great advantage of the roads.

Estimates and Expenditure.

The estimated expenditure on District Roads for the year ended March 31st, 1914, was £3,478 17s. 6d., which was raised by various sums to £3637 5s. 8d., the actual expenditure being £3,500 9s. od., while receipts amounted to £72 14s. 6d., thus showing a saving on the year of £209 11s. 2d., which compare with a saving of £133 12s. 7d. on the estimate of the year 1912-1913. when the receipts were £125 9s. 3d. I estimate £3,476 16s. 3d. will be required for the maintenance of District Roads during the ensuing twelve months. This estimate allows for the surface tarring of 65,000 sq. yards of road.

Various.

A Grant of £60 has been obtained from the Road Board in respect of the Surface Tarring of Alma Road, and Burgess Street.

Plans and Estimates amounting to £2,998 have been prepared and presented to the Hamble Parish Council for the widen ing to 25 feet, and repair of Satchell Lane. In respect of this the Local Government Board have been asked whether they are prepared to sanction this work being carried out as a special expense to the Hamble and Hound Parishes should they agree to it.

A plan and estimate amounting to £533 have been prepared for the widening of Mousehole Lane, Bitterne, to 26 feet, including a footpath, and are under consideration. A further estimate of £45 for the rounding off of the corner at the Junction of Brewery Hill with Mousehole Lane, Bitterne, was deferred to the April Meeting.

A short cut of 140 yards from the West End Road to the Telegraph Wood Estate is to be made up at an estimated cost of £60 at the expense of the Telegraph Wood Estate and taken over by the Council when completed.

A new tar boiler has been purchased at a cost of £26 15s. od. to be used in conjunction with the present machine.

EXTENSIONS.

Extensions in the mains of the various Companies have been made as follows:—

South Hants Water Company—

Extensions to Midanbury Lane towards Cobden Avenue
Telegraph Road, West End.
Moorgreen Road, West End.
Church Lane, Botley.
Dodwell Lane and Road, Bursledon.
Church Lane, Pretoria Road, Bursledon Road, Ford Road.
Heath House Lane and Dodwell Lane, Hedge End.
36 openings have also been made for connections, repairs, &c.

Southampton Gaslight and Coke Company—

Extensions to Lower New Road, West End.
Butt's Road, Hound.
56 openings for connections and repairs.

Southampton Waterworks—

4 openings for connections and repairs.

Southampton Electricity Department—

Extension to Chilworth.

In addition 21 openings have been made for connection up to sewers and water mains.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. HEATHER.